

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 3, 2006

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:03 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, John F. Krattli, and Rocky Armfield was absent; Outside Counsel: Chris Maile; The Office of the County Counsel: Narbeh Bagdasarian, Adrienne Byers, Brian Chu, Sheilah Curtis, Roger Granbo, Donna Koch, Anita Lee, Karen Lichtenberg, Michael Moore, Robert Nagle, Ralph Rosato, Robin Sampson, Judy Whitehurst; Sheriff's Department: Shaun Mathers, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk: Kristin Heffron; Department of Animal Control: Marcia Mayeda; Office of Affirmative Action Compliance: Hayward Harris, Jr.; Department of Children and Family Services: Sandy Stivers; Department of Health Services: Patricia Adams and Larry Gatton; Department of Public Works: Allan Abramson, Tom Hoagland, Anthony Nyiuih, William Winter

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:03 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 9:30 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. Indra Systems, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 323 293

This lawsuit concerns a breach of contract arising from a purchase order from the Internal Services Department.

This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.

- b. Victor Gamont v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 316 350

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Animal Care and Control was wrongfully terminated.

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.

The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria M. Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield was absent.

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- c. Samuel Stella v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 322 735

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Public and Social Services was subjected to racial harassment and discrimination.

This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.

- d. John Michael Brown v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 04-3789 DDP

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest by Sheriff's deputies.

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$35,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria M. Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield was absent.

- e. Joseph Burris v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 04-09967 RSWL

This lawsuit concerns allegations of use of excessive force by a Sheriff's deputy.

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$46,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria M. Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield was absent.

- f. Rodney Steele, et al. v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 02-5981 GPS (Ssx)

This lawsuit seeks compensation for unlawful detainment.

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$67,500 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria M. Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield was absent.

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- g. Erika Cline, Dina Larabee, and Frank Cline v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC 044 774

This lawsuit seeks damages for injuries received in a vehicle accident.

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$100,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria M. Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield was absent.

- h. Alameda Truck & Van Parts, Inc., A California Corp., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 312 566

This lawsuit seeks compensation for economic damages caused by the County's construction activities.

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$30,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield was absent.

- i. A.D. General Engineering Construction, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 316 761

This lawsuit seeks compensation for additional work performed in the replacement of sanitary sewers.

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$87,500 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield was absent.

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- j. County of Los Angeles v. Accordis Inc., et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 340 582

Claim of HMS Holding Corp.

This lawsuit and claim concern payment for breach of contract.

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors to accept payment of this matter in the amount of \$1,300,00 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield was absent.

- k. Mary Craig v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 05-01711 ER

This lawsuit seeks compensation for a death which occurred while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

This matter was continued to the next Claims Board meeting.

- l. Marilyn and Kevin H. v. County of Los Angeles and Martin A. v. County of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Superior Court Case Nos. BC 319 625 and BC 327 883

These lawsuits concern allegations of abuse while in foster care.

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$230,00 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.

The vote of the Claims Board was as follows: Maria Oms and John F. Krattli approved; Rocky Armfield was absent.

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Minutes for the March 20, 2006 meeting was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next regular meeting on April 17, 2006 has been cancelled. The next regular meeting will be on held on May 1, 2006.

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